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## **Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services**

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Thank you,

Julie Hamos  
Director, HFS

### **New Omnibus Medicaid Bill Passed**

A major omnibus Medicaid bill has passed both houses of the General Assembly. SB 741, as amended by House Amendment #1, includes changes for hospitals, for nursing homes, Medicaid benefit changes, rate increases and other provisions. A fact sheet can be found here on the [HFS Budget webpage](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/98/SB/09800SB0741enr.htm). The [full 231-page bill](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/98/SB/09800SB0741enr.htm) is found here: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/98/SB/09800SB0741enr.htm>

### **Enrollments Under Affordable Care Act**

A summary of clients who became eligible by reason of the ACA is now available to the public on the [HFS Transparency website](http://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/agency/Transparency/Pages/default.aspx#ACAEnroll): <http://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/agency/Transparency/Pages/default.aspx#ACAEnroll>

This data lists the demographics of the new population in Medicaid – age, race, gender and county. It will be posted monthly.

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